



Demolition contract awarded for Rome consolidation

by Fran Crumb, Information Directorate

ROME, N.Y. — A New Jersey firm has been selected to perform demolition of a major portion of Building 2 at the Griffiss Business & Technology Park, the first phase of a \$24.8 million consolidation and construction project for the Air Force Research Laboratory Rome Research Site.

MCC Contracting of Mt. Laurel, N.J., was awarded the \$1,580,000 contract, according to Ellen L. Fiorentino, project architect in the AFRL Information Directorate Civil Engineering Branch. The contract award was made by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command of Philadelphia, which has responsibility for military construction in the region.

"This is the first phase of a joint Air Force-New York State construction project that will result in state-of-the-art laboratory and research facilities, while reduce operating costs and enhancing security," said Daniel C. Bollana, deputy chief of Site Operations.

The contract calls for the demolition of approximately 200,000 square feet of space in the east wing and "headhouse," or front portion, of the sprawling World War II era warehouse at 425 Brooks Road. The west wing of the

structure has been remodeled and occupied by AFRL support offices as a result of the 1993 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRACC) decision on the former Griffiss AFB.

MCC Contracting will also be responsible, under the contract, for construction of a communications room in the existing west wing of the building. The projected completion date of the contract is late March 2001.

Phase II of the consolidation plan calls for new construction and renovations that will create a building complex housing the technical divisions of the Information Directorate. That complex, along with the existing Building 106, will become the principle area of AFRL Rome Research Site operations at the Griffiss Business & Technology Park.

Phase II construction is expected to begin next spring, with final acceptance of the new facilities planned for October 2002. The Auburn architectural/engineering firm of Beardsley Design Associates, P.C., is doing initial designs for the consolidation. @